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In re Application of: ) :

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Group Art Unit: 2875

Application No.: 09/045,681

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For: ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS )

AND IMAGE FORMING : APPARATUS

August 31, 1998

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed March 23, 1998, please further amend the above-identified RECEIVED application as follows:

GROUP 2100

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

## Please add new Claims 57-63 as follows:

--57. An electron beam apparatus comprising:

a vacuum envelope containing a plurality of electron-emitting devices wired by a plurality of row-directed wires and a plurality of column-directed wires to form a matrix wiring structure; and

a plate-shaped spacer capable of forming an electrical connection between a plurality of wires if arranged in electrical contact with the plurality of wires,

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